

GRADUATES HEAR
WORDS OF WISDOM

President Russell of Westminster Delivers Class Sermon

TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Solomon Theatre Is Crowded and People Were Turned Away at Annual Baccalaureate Sermon—Interesting Program—No Church Services.

Before an audience that filled the Solomon theatre Dr. Robert M. Russell, president of Westminster College, delivered the class sermon to the 79 graduates of High School who will receive their diplomas next Friday night. He chose as his subject "The Future and the True Measure of Life."

Evening services in the churches were suspended and many people were turned away at the theatre. Shortly before eight o'clock the gallery was opened and was comfortably filled. The class sermon this year was in direct contrast to the one of last year. At that time the services were held in the Baptist church on a Sunday afternoon and a bare handful of people attended.

At 7:30 o'clock the graduates gathered at the High School building and marched to the theatre in a body. Seats in the center of the house were reserved for the graduates. P. Allison was in charge of the services and delivered the invocation. A quartette composed of Miss Martha Eaton, soprano; Miss Mildred Miller, contralto; John Davis, tenor; and James Charlesworth, bass, all from the Presbyterian church, sang "On the Wings of the Dove." John Davis and James Charlesworth sang a duet, "It is of the Lord's Great Mercy." Rev. William Nelson of the Baptist church offered prayer and Rev. A. B. Wilson read the scripture lesson.

Dr. Russell's sermon was one of the best ever heard here. He told of present day incidents in regard to over production and under consumption. Under consumption, he said, breeds poverty. In his personal address to the class he urged the graduates that each one has his mission in the world and that no matter what the work it is performed well that person has made a success of life.

This evening will be the Class Day exercises. The program will be given at the Carnegie Free Library Hall beginning at 8:15. Tomorrow night the Senior Class play, "In the Wrong Place," will be given. Seats have been selling well for the performance and the graduates will be greeted by a packed house.

SIX CARS OVERTURN
WHEN SIDESWIPED OCCURS

Two Trains Making Up in the Yards Come Together—No One Injured.

Two freight trains being made up in the Baltimore and Ohio yards this morning sideswiped each other at 6 o'clock in front of the "D" office and six cars were overturned. Others were smashed considerably. No one was injured. One train was standing on No. 3 track when a shifting engine jammed up some cars on the switch connecting No. 3 track with No. 2. The wrecking crew got on the job immediately and the wreckage was cleared up by 10 o'clock. The big steam crane was brought into play.

Engineer Cooney and Conductor David Linton were in charge of train pulled by dump engine No. 1701 and Engineer Ireland and Conductor Harvey White in charge of the other train, a Pullman No. 1916.

HORSE RUNS OFF ON THE
NARROWS HILL; SMASHUP

Blocker and Levisky Thrown Into Ditch and Runners Are Badly Damaged.

A runaway on the Narrows Hill Saturday evening resulted in a shattered buggy, badly bruised horse and two injured riders. Henry Blocker and C. W. Levisky were coming to town from Oneida when the horse ran off on the hill just above Davidson.

The animal dashed down the hill until the buggy was overturned and smashed. Levisky found himself buried in coils of wire while Blocker was thrown out and badly bruised. The horse was hurt, but not dangerously so.

Blocker had just recovered from an accident some weeks ago which resulted in a sprained ankle. He is again on the sick list.

Mrs. Woodman's Dead.
Mrs. Edwin Woodman, aged 79 years, died yesterday morning at her home at Bidwell. Death was due to the infirmities of old age. Mrs. Woodman has resided in and around Bidwell for a number of years and was widely known in that section. The body will be shipped to Chicago for interment tomorrow morning on B & O. train No. 57 by funeral director J. E. Sims.

Boy Kills Cattle.
Elmer Wood, aged 11, was instantly killed at Bidwell yesterday by a plane aloft to have been thrown by John Kari, aged 12. It is alleged that Kari boy became angered when young Wood splashed water on him.

PERRY GRADUATES ARE
GIVEN ANNUAL BANQUET

More Than One Hundred in Attendance—Musical Program by Orchestra.

Covers for one hundred and two were laid at the fifth annual banquet of the Perry High School held Friday evening in the High School auditorium at Perrepolis. The members of the Alumni and their guests assembled in the Senior class room in order of their graduation and entered the auditorium in a body. A musical program was rendered by the orchestra as each class found its table. The decorations were carried out in the class colors, penitents and silk flags being largely used.

Seated at the center table were the members of the class of 1912 and the Board of Directors. Otto Chulifant was the toastmaster. The class responses were made by C. E. Steel of the class of 1909, C. V. Loe of the class of 1907 and 1908, W. C. Townsend, President of the Alumni Association, John P. Cordero of the class of 1910, Richard Robertson of the class of 1911 and Charles Chulifant of the class of 1912. Addresses were made by Dr. Kummer, Dr. Martin, William Armstrong, representing the Board of Directors, former Principal J. B. Snyder, and present Principal, T. S. Jackson. The banquet was aided by the Ladies Aid Society of the Christian church and was perfect in all its appointments. Dancing and other amusements were indulged in following the banquet. A delightful feature was the music by the orchestra of Uniontown.

Among the out of town guests present were Miss Blanche Hilda, Uniontown; Robert Moore, Vanderbilt; W. H. Bloss, Pittsburgh; Carl Smith, Smithton; Miss Lane, Swanton; Miss Miller, Coal Run; Youngwood; Florence Colburn, Scottsdale; Zella Lynn, Smithton; Grace and Nellie Lowe, Bannock; Snyder Kelly, Vanderbilt; Clinton Baker, Rankin; John Cordero, Martins Ferry; J. Paulino Hadwin, Connellsville; John P. Miller, Perry; Edward K. Loe, Pittsburgh; C. C. Mann, McKeesport; Lena Herwick, Elwood City; W. F. Bowman, McKeesport.

POLICE FORCE NOW EIGHT
MEN; RUSH HAS RESIGNED

Newest Member of Force Quits After Working Two Days—Another Expected to Resign.

The Connellsville police force has again dwindled to eight men despite the efforts of the Police Committee to keep the full quota employed. Norman Rush, the latest acquisition, has resigned and is now working at the Connellsville plant.

Rush worked but two days, when the Magness and Wallace shows were here and another day. He had the day trick at Brimstone corner on show day and had his hands full. Later he contracted a mild form of typhoid fever. It is said, and was unable to work. He has since started to work at the planting mill. A meeting of the Police Committee will probably be held in the near future. One was scheduled for some time ago but owing to the difficulty of members to attend, it was postponed. Besides the election of a new man on the force other matters are to be taken up. Rush will be paid for the two days he worked at the next meeting of council.

DISGUSTED BURGLARS
THROW POCKETBOOK AWAY

E. P. Riley of Sixth Street Discovers Loss When Going to Early Morning Run.

Burglars visited the home of E. P. Riley of North Sixth street, about this morning and after taking an old pocketbook lying on a table, equipped through a window. Opening the pocketbook in the yard the visitors found that it was empty and threw it away.

Entrance was made by a rear window. Nothing was disturbed. Mr. Riley in a West Penn conductor and discovered the pocketbook in the yard when he left the house for his early morning run at 3 o'clock.

STILL SEARCH FOR THUGS
WHO BEAT TAX COLLECTOR

They Attack James Mitchell, Rob Him and Leave Him in Yard For Dead.

JOHNSTOWN, May 27.—The authorities are still seeking the two men who on last Thursday night attacked James Mitchell, aged 56, Tax Collector of Dalton and left him for dead after they had beaten and robbed him. The men secured \$684.

Two men attacked Mitchell. When found he was unconscious. He had been badly beaten, gagged with a broomstick and then left in bad shape. Although one side is paralyzed the physicians expect he will recover.

No Cuban Intervention.
ELIZABETHTOWN, N. J., May 27. President Taft today sent a message to President Gomez of Cuba, assuring him that the United States will not intervene in Cuba. In his message he said that the sending of American troops to Cuba at this time is for the purpose of protecting American interests only.

Infant Child Dead.
Robert Grimm, aged eight months and 12 days, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Grimm of Levensburg No. 1, died yesterday of pneumonia. Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment in Dickinson Run Union cemetery.

Fire Destroys Barn.
Fire supposed to be of an incendiary origin destroyed a barn at Dawson Saturday night. The building was owned by J. Cochran of Dawson. The fire had gained a great headway before it was discovered.

ROCKEFELLER TO
BE CALLED UPON

Big Crowd in Court Today in Anticipation of Grilling.

IS SUMMONED FOR TOMORROW

Good Faith of Standard Oil Dissolution Will Be Questioned in Missouri Trial of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company—Big Fight for Control.

United Press Telegram.
NEW YORK, May 27.—Anticipating the grilling of John D. Rockefeller by Attorney Samuel Untermyer, a big crowd flocked to the latter's office when the hearing was begun of the suit in Missouri in the Waters-Pierce case against the Standard Oil Company, in which the good faith of the dissolution of the Standard Oil Company is questioned. Rockefeller and John D. Archbold, another star witness, were not on hand and their representatives announced that they would come when wanted, but could not waste time waiting to be called.

Untermyer told A. L. Jacobs of St. Louis, commissioner in charge of the proceedings, that he wanted the pair tomorrow and they were notified to be on hand when their testimony will be taken. This chief witness of the morning session was Charles T. White, secretary of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and his testimony was of a technical character. He gave the history of the corporation and details of various former subsidiaries of the Standard.

The real contest is for the control of the Waters-Pierce Company. If Clay Pierce at the annual meeting of the company refused to recognize proxies held by the Standard men because they planned to dissolve the company. Suits against the Standard were instituted in Missouri and cross suits to oust Pierce and his friends followed.

It is believed today that during the hearing here the entire good faith of the so called dissolution of the Standard Oil Company will be threshed out.

COLLAPSIBLE UMBRELLA
IS LATEST INVENTION

Mrs. Sarah O'Brien, Well Known Here, Conceives Novelty—Closes Into 18 Inch Space.

Mrs. Sarah O'Brien, of Clanton, owner of property and a frequent visitor here, has conceived a novelty that she has been granted a patent on a collapsible umbrella, one that can be folded up into an 18 inch space in little over a half a minute. The patent is in the name of her son, William E. O'Brien, but the idea is Mrs. O'Brien's. The handle, the ribs and other parts are all collapsible and can be folded into a very small space. The patent was granted on April 24.

Mrs. O'Brien has several other inventions which she will develop.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

W. J. Britt Files Petition—Assets 4,200—Liabilities \$3,500.

William J. Britt a West Side plumber, has filed with the United States District Court at Pittsburgh a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. The schedule of assets and liabilities were filed by Attorney R. D. Munson. His assets are \$4,200 and the liabilities are \$3,500.

The firm used to be that of Britt and Sealey. In 1911 Sealey retired and Britt carried on the business until this year. Britt is now employed at Brownsville.

WILKES-BARRIE, Pa., May 27.

After keeping an all-night vigil waiting for her husband to return, Mrs. Stephen Myrnick of Edwinstown, a widow of six weeks, went to the cellar this morning to get some potatoes for breakfast and found her husband dead at the end of a rope attached to a ladder.

Burglars Get 85 Cents.
The home of John Craig at 333 E. Main street was entered early this morning by burglars. The first floor was thoroughly coted through and contents of the pantry and refrigerator taken. About 85 cents in change was also taken. Entrance was gained through a rear window.

Meet Next Monday.
The Vanderbilt School Board will meet Monday, June 2 for the purpose of electing teachers for next year. Miss Naomi Rosenbloom, who secured a school in Connellsville, is the only last year teacher who is not applying. This term at Vanderbilt is eight months.

Wanted to Take Wreck Pictures.
Charles H. Rakeley endeavored to take a motion picture of the freight wreck in the Baltimore and Ohio yards this morning but arrived on the scene too late. This morning he took pictures of the Greenwood school children.

Fire Destroys Barn.
Fire supposed to be of an incendiary origin destroyed a barn at Dawson Saturday night. The building was owned by J. Cochran of Dawson. The fire had gained a great headway before it was discovered.



Thunder showers tonight or Tuesday is the noon weather forecast.

The Temperature.	
Maximum	82 84
Minimum	58 74
Mean	73
For three consecutive days the thermometer has hit the 82 mark. One day the mark soared above this, reaching 84. Motorists had a dusty day of it yesterday. The roads are dry for the most part in good condition. The river dropped from 2 1/2 to 2.30 feet over night.	

WRITER FORETOLD
WRECK OF TITANIC

Thrilling Story of Morgan Robertson Is Uncanny in Its Realism.

OPENING CHAPTERS START TODAY

"The Wreck of the Titan," Written 11 Years Ago, Might Have Been Based on What Actually Happened to World's Largest Vessel—The Story.

The opening chapters of "The Wreck of the Titan" start today in The Courier. The story might have been based on the wreck of the Titanic, so closely does it correspond with the actual happenings when the world's largest steamer went to the bottom, but the story is by Morgan Robertson, the author wrote it 11 years ago.

There is something uncanny about "The Wreck of the Titan." Morgan Robertson is a writer of sensationalist stories. He was "possessed of prophetic vision" when he wrote this novel 14 years ago. What he foresaw and related came to pass: "The Titan" was the world's largest vessel; so was the Titanic. The "Titan" struck an iceberg; so did the Titanic. "The Titan" was inadequately supplied with lifeboats; so was the Titanic.

All though the story is presented in serial form by The Courier, incidents correspond in a startling manner with what actually took place 14 years later.

DUNBAR TOWNSHIP BOARD
ADDS MILL TO TAX LEVY

Special Meeting Held Saturday—Election of Teachers Is Set for June Third.

At a meeting of the Dunbar Township School Board Saturday afternoon at the Arlington Hotel it was decided to add a mill to the school tax levy of last year in order to meet the expense of the erection of a new school building at Trotter. The total is eight mills, 6 1/2 mills for the school fund, and mill for the building fund. No building tax was levied last year.

The building committee composed of I. H. Hall, William Hughes and Owen Meegan, will determine whether to build a new building or to remodel the present one, with an addition is preferable. They will report at a meeting to be held June 3. The election of a part of the teachers will take place at the June meeting.

HERD HEIRS ENTER SUIT
AGAINST W. M. RAILROAD

Seek to Recover Damages for Right of Way Across Property Just South of Connellsville.

UNIONTOWN, May 27.—Suit was entered today by the Herd heirs, consisting of Lafayette Herd, Homer Herd, Francis Herd and Washington Herd, and by W. S. Kuhn, who has a one-sixth interest in the estate by purchase, against the Connellsville & State Line Railroad Company in an action of trespass.

No statement of claim has been filed. It is understood, however, that the plaintiffs allege their action on the fact that the defendant company in crossing Dunbar creek used too small a culvert, alleging that in times of high water the culvert will not carry away the water, which will overflow and damage their land.

CLAMP LID DOWN
TIGHT ON MAY 30

Burgess Evans Issues Proclamation for Observance of Holiday.

WANTS ALL STORES CLOSED

He Also Suggests That Men Uncover as Chimes Peal Forth "Star Spangled Banner" Thursday—Veterans Working for General Observance.

Efforts are being made to secure a more general observance of Memorial Day on May 30 than has ever been held before. The veteran soldiers are back of the movement and have enlisted the support of Burgess J. Evans, who this morning made a statement which is in effect, a proclamation.

The Burgess calls upon all persons to suspend business on Thursday if possible. He urges them to at least suspend their usual occupations and close their stores between the hours of 10 o'clock and noon Thursday, during the formal celebration of the occasion by the veterans of the Civil War. The Burgess further suggests that all patriotic citizens uncover as the chimes of Trinity Lutheran church peal forth "The Star Spangled Banner."

Practically all of the stores and business houses will be closed Thursday in honor of Memorial Day. A general holiday will be observed. The veteran soldiers have, through the medium of their organizations, endeavored to have Memorial Day regarded as Sunday as nearly as possible.

Through tickets from Connellsville and other points to the Valley Forge will be sold on Decoration Day. A special train may be run from the local station in case there is sufficient demand. In any event there will probably be a special coach placed on the rear of the morning train east. This will be taken off at Indian Creek and attached to the Valley train.

Many people took advantage of the Pittsburgh excursion on the Pennsylvania railroad yesterday. The excursionists to Ohio will start on Memorial Day. Connellsville people have a number of places to spend Decoration Day. Many are going to Pittsburgh to see the baseball games in the afternoon, a show at night and return on the Owl train leaving Pittsburgh at midnight. At Shady Grove there will be fireworks. Excursions will run to all the resorts. There will be two baseball games in Connellsville. The Cokers line up against McKeesport in the morning and afternoon.

THOMAS ABANDONS PLAN
OF BUILDING RESIDENCE

Restrained From Topping Sewer, He Drops Present Project and Will Farm Lots.

W. H. Thomas agent of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad and former Connellsville resident has abandoned his intention of building a handsome residence in Greenwood. He declines to stand the expense of going to law to secure the right to enter a sewer which the Title & Trust Company claims it owns. Saturated with an intention of restraining Mr. Thomas from tapping the sewer.

It is stated that Mr. Thomas will permit the injunction to be made permanent by default. He was under the impression that the sewer was a public sewer and that he had the right to use it. The lots may be farmed this summer.

SHADY GROVE HAS BIGGEST
OPENING IN PARK'S HISTORY

Estimated That 3,000 Attended Pretty Pleasure Ground on Saturday.

Shady Grove had the biggest opening in its history on Saturday. Manager R. S. Boyle estimates that fully 3,000 persons were in attendance. The crowd was particularly large during the evening.

The pleasure park has been fitted up in splendid shape. Dancing will be held regularly every evening. The Uniontown schools picnic there on Friday and Connellsville schools will go there June 4.

Preparations are being made for entertaining record crowds on Decoration Day.

ETERNAL QUESTION SOLVED.

Val Grasty Objects to Giving Money to Mother But Changes Mind.

The money question in the Grasty family in Connellsville township was settled once and for all time Saturday when Grasty made information before Justice of the Peace Stillwagon against her 17 year old son Val for not giving over to her his wages. Val had an idea that he was entitled to keep his money.

The strong arm of Constable Snyder escorted Val to the lockup. He was there over Saturday when he promised to give his wages to his mother.

Motor to Latrobe.
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stader and daughter, Miss Angela and son, Leo and Mrs. Joseph Solison and Mr. and Mrs. William Work motored to Latrobe yesterday. While in Latrobe they were guests of Mrs. John Gilligan, a sister of Mrs. Stader.

SENATOR OLIVER SHOWS HOW
U. S. STEEL HAS ADVANTAGE

Transportation Facilities Give It Profits Independents Cannot Earn.

Senator George T. Oliver of Pennsylvania offered in the Senate Saturday statistics gathered by a financial paper which show that the United States Steel Corporation has an advantage over the independent producers of iron and steel. In his speech in the Senate on Thursday against the Underwood bill revising the steel and iron schedule Senator Oliver asserted that in the event of the bill becoming a law a blow would be struck to the independent producers which would be hard to stand, while the Steel Corporation at which the proposed legislation is aimed could meet the competition that is certain to follow revision.

The statistics of this paper show that during 1911 the ratio of profit per ton of steel was close to \$6 per ton, while the competitors of the Corporation reported a ratio of net profits per ton ranging from 11 cents to \$3.50. It is pointed out that the advantage of the Steel Corporation lies in its income from railroads, steamship lines, etc. Profits of the Corporation in 1911 showed a net profit after all charges except dividends, of \$55,215,248, it having shipped to consumers a total of 5,479,321 tons of finished steel. The ratio per ton was \$5.52 compared with \$3.15 in 1910. The showing of independent companies was much less favorable. The Lackawanna Steel Company reported a net profit available for dividends of only \$33,098,318, an equivalent to 11 cents per ton. Bethlehem's net profit in 1911 was \$2,038,279, the margin of profit on 600,000 tons being \$3.40. Cambria Steel showed net profits of \$2,627,338 or a profit of \$3.50 on a production of 750,000 tons, while Pennsylvania Steel made a less favorable showing, its net profit being \$2,000,000, being \$2.67 per ton. Its finished and semi-finished product being in the neighborhood of 600,000 tons, or a net profit of about \$1.38 per ton.

An article concludes: "United States Steel in the first quarter of this year was one of the most profitable companies that reported sufficient surplus to cover preferred dividend requirements. This is the best illustration of the advantage the Corporation has over competitors in the matter of earnings. This advantage is due to its vast transportation facilities, the best diversification of its products and concentration of operations. Without its transportation lines the Corporation would have no such advantage over competitors."

NEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH
AT SOMERSET DEDICATED

Handsome \$55,000 Edifice Formally Opened For Public Worship.

SOMERSET, Pa., May 27.—The new Somerset Christian Church, erected at a cost of \$55,000 was dedicated yesterday, the services being in charge of Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Cranberry, president of Bethany College. John Carthy, pastor of the church, presided at the pipe organ. The new church has a seating capacity of 1,000.

Three memorial windows are gifts—one from Miss Susan E. Lehr, in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barbara Schneider Lehn, charter members of the church, and one from Miss Ella King Vogel, in memory of her father, the late Elder Peter Vogel. The third was provided for in the will of the late Miss Sarah Picking, in memory of "The Three Marys"—Mary Magdalene, Mary Cleopas and Mary Graft—also charter members of the church.

In the morning Dr. Cranberry presided. A fellowship meeting was held in the afternoon, with Somerset clergymen of other denominations as speakers. This evening Rev. Herbert Yeall of Chicago preached.

Flowers secured yesterday reduced the indebtedness of the congregation to \$3,500.

COMPANY D WILL LEAVE
TOWN NIGHT OF FOURTH

Arrive at Mount Gretna the Next Morning—No Advance Detail This Year.

Company D will leave town to camp this year on the evening of the Fourth of July. The trip will be an all night ride, arriving at Mount Gretna in the morning of the fifth. Captain A. E. Kidd has within the past few days enlisted several new recruits. There were about nine vacancies caused by the expiration of enlistments. There are still places for several recruits. There will be no advance detail this year.

The election of a major for the Third Battalion will probably be held at camp this year. Major Fee's term expires June 29 and he will probably be re-elected at camp.

START BALLASTING TRACK

Twenty-five Cars Are Dumped at West Side Station Saturday.

Work on ballasting the Pittsburg & Lake Erie railroad tracks at the new station on Seventh street began Saturday when 25 cars were dumped there. The work will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

Just when the Pittsburg & Lake Erie will start to run trains into the station is not known although it is thought that the move will be made soon.

BAND OUT ALL DAY.

Celebration of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Begins at Early Hour.

The celebration of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel by the Italians began at an early hour this morning. Two masses were held at the church and the Tenth Regiment band paraded the down town streets. The band will again give concerts this afternoon and the day will end at Fayette Field tonight with a display of fireworks.

The display will begin promptly at 9:15 and will continue until 11:30. During the fireworks the band will play.

No New Patients.
No new patients were admitted to the Cottage State hospital over Sunday.

Insane Man Arrested.
Street Commissioner J. W. Stouffer on Saturday sent out the sprinkler to the north end of town. It made a trip down York avenue just before the baseball game.

George Barnett of Dunbar has been placed in the county jail. He is mentally unbalanced.

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

MONDAY.—The L. C. R. A. will hold a dance and card party in the parochial school in honor of the anniversary of the Society. The annual reception of the Woman's Cultural Club is being held this afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium. The affair is in charge of the social committee, composed of Mrs. F. W. Wright, Mrs. J. D. Ford, Mrs. Charles Work, Miss Sauter, Mrs. H. G. May, Mrs. Best and Mrs. D. K. Dilworth.

TUESDAY.—The Ladies of the Macabees will meet in Odd Fellows hall. All members are invited.—Miss Marie McGuire will entertain the students of the Douglass Business College at an entertainment and dance at her home on North Pittsburg street.

WEDNESDAY.—The marriage of Miss Annabel Mulford and Harry Lutterman will be solemnized at 9 o'clock at the home of the bride-elect in Trever street. Rev. E. B. Burgess, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran church, assisted by Rev. H. A. Baum, pastor of the Cochrane Memorial church, will officiate. The ceremony will be witnessed by the relatives and a number of friends of the contracting parties.—Mrs. J. P. K. Miller of Scotland will entertain at her home.

THURSDAY.—The Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal church will meet at the home of Mrs. J. A. Zimmerman on Fairview avenue. The members of the Senior Class will meet at Killbuck park.

FRIDAY.—Mrs. W. L. Wright will entertain the L. C. Club at her home on South Pittsburg street.—An open meeting of the woman's Missionary Society of the United Brethren church will be held in the evening at the Y. meeting of Woman's Missionary given by the pastor, Rev. A. E. Wilson, and a silver offering will be taken.

T. R. LABELED TAFT
BEST IN THE COUNTRY

President Calls Attention to What Colonel Taft Thought of Him Four Years Ago.

United Press Telegram.
ON BOARD TAFT SPECIAL TRAIN
LONG BEACH, N. J., May 27.—"You all remember what Mr. Roosevelt said about me four years ago," said President Taft to a crowd sized crowd at Perth Amboy today. "I can't repeat to you what he said. I would blush to do so. In effect he said that I was the best man in the country to be President."

Talks to Death.
BRADFORD, Pa., May 27.—Mrs. Mary DeVine, aged 74, who resided with her daughter, Mrs. A. T. Crouse, of East Kane, fell headlong down stairs early today and was instantly killed.

Second Degree Verdict.
John Tappan was convicted of second degree murder at Somerset Saturday for killing John Itebon at Confluence on March 31, last.

Are You Hunting Barbecue?
If so, look over the advertising columns of The Daily Courier and you will find them.

Fertilize those who advertise in The Daily Courier.



FOR A SUMMER AFTERNOON.
The gown shown here is made of silk voile, black, combined with white. The yoke and sleeves of the white voile are cut in one, but a line of embroidery gives the effect of a sewed-in sleeve. The embroidery is done in white silk and is placed so to conceal the seam which joins the material.

The hat is white chip, faced with black, and trimmed with white leaves, having black veils and edges. The ties are pale rose color.

BACKACHE GOES

Thompson's Backache, the Best Kidney Bladder and Liver Remedy, Graham & Company, Connelville, and A. A. Lowe & Company, Scotland, sell Thompson's Backache for 50 cents and \$1.00 a bottle and they say if it doesn't drive the poison from your clogged up kidneys; stop backache or rheumatism, or banish any female ailment, money back on.

If you are feeling blue and run down, your kidneys are wrong and you should not procrastinate. Thousands probably are dying every day from kidney disease, simply because they didn't heed the danger signals. Backache, aches before the eyes and that dragged down feeling are pretty sure signs of kidney trouble. Get a bottle of Thompson's Backache and put your kidneys in a healthy condition in a few days. It's a liquid, assimilates quickly and starts to make you feel better at once.

Drop us a postal today. Just write: "Send me proof" and we will send you grateful testimonials from people cured by Backache.

If you are troubled with constipation, always take Thompson's Backache and Mucous Pills (35 cents) along with Backache. Thompson Medical Co., Pittsfield, Pa.

Grandmother's Herbs.
Almost every American man or woman can recall the collection of roots, herbs and barks made every fall for the home medicine chest. It is interesting to note that the most successful remedy for female ills the world has ever known had its origin nearly forty years ago in one of these home medicine chests and Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is made today in immense quantities from the same roots and herbs with extreme accuracy, care and cleanliness. Merit alone could have stood this test of time.

Triplets Born, But Die.
The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. McKee on North Eighth street this morning and left triplets, three boys two of whom died about ten minutes after birth. The other child lived about two hours. The mother is getting along nicely.

Gets Along Well.
Mrs. H. E. Albright, who was operated on last Thursday at the Mercy hospital, Pittsburg, is getting along very nicely. Her daughter, Miss Aquilla Albright, spent yesterday at the hospital.

Infant Struck by Train.
Elmer Pike, aged 2½ years, was struck by a Pennsylvania train near Elphinstown and so badly injured he died on his way to the hospital at Uniontown.

Mullen Still Missing.
John Mullen of near Trotter, who was stricken by a train on Saturday, is still missing.

SOCIETY.

Reception for Children.
About 60 children were present at a reception given Saturday afternoon in the Trinity Lutheran church for the children of the Waverland Department. The department is composed of the beginners classes, the total membership being 100. From 2:30 until 3 o'clock a reception was held in the chapel and from 3 until 4 o'clock games were played in the social room. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cookies were served. The committee in charge was composed of Miss Mary Brickman, Mrs. W. H. Hoffman, Mrs. J. J. Thompson and Miss Eleanor Sauter.

Hospital Services.
The young people of the First Baptist church will hold services at the Cottage State hospital next Sunday afternoon.

Meeting Postponed.
The meeting of the J. C. Girls which was to have been held tomorrow evening at the home of Miss Mabel Graft on East Main street, has been postponed until the following Tuesday night.

Bridge Party.
Miss Anne White will attend a bridge party to be given tomorrow afternoon at the Uniontown Country Club by Mrs. Reginald Palmer.

Retreat to a Close.
The retreat for the Young Ladies' Sodality of the Immaculate Conception church which commenced last Thursday came to a close last evening with a procession by the Children of Mary, the Sodality Girls, and a class of children who took their first communion yesterday morning. Rev. Tynon of Pittsburg delivered a sermon.

Decision Day.
Decision Day was observed yesterday morning by the Methodist Protestant Sunday school. The object of the day was to have the younger members of the Sunday school become more interested in church work. At the morning services communion services were held.

District Convention.
A district convention of the Connelville district of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Methodist Protestant church will be held Tuesday evening in the Methodist Protestant church at Dunbar. The Connelville Society will be well represented.

Are Married Here.
W. Floyd Robison of Vandergrift and Miss Mary E. Sprinkle of Paxon, Pennsylvania were married today at noon at the Christian church parsonage on Race street. Rev. J. T. Allison, the pastor officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Robison left for Vandergrift to reside.

Engagement Announced.
D. P. McCune of McKeesport, has announced the engagement of his daughter, Miss Jessie Willock McCune to Samuel J. Childs of McKeesport. Miss McCune has a number of friends in Connelville.

BETTER TIMES

Bank Officials Say That Many People Are Opening Checking Accounts.

"Yes," said E. T. Norton, vice president of The First National Bank, to a Courier reporter, "more people than ever before have opened checking accounts recently. I think it is not only pretty good evidence that times are better but also indicates that people generally are learning how much safer, more convenient and economical it is to make payments by check than with currency. When you take into consideration," continued Mr. Norton, "that a checking account costs nothing the wonder is that everybody who has an income doesn't have one. I suppose some people who handle but a small amount of money have an idea that their accounts wouldn't be appreciated. Speaking for our own bank—The First National—we have actually increased our force from time to time in order to take care of small accounts and we don't want anyone to deny himself the convenience of a checking account because his income is small."

MORE THAN SKIN DEEP.
More Than Skin Salve Is Needed to Cure Piles Permanently.

Don't be disappointed if you fail to get a lasting cure of piles with salve. The cause of piles is more than skin deep. It is sluggish, fatty, veinous blood. HEM-ROID, a tablet tonic remedy, is taken inwardly, acts on the circulation and cures all kinds of piles thoroughly.

For 24 days' supply at A. A. Clarke, Connelville, Pa., and all drug stores. Dr. Leonardhardt Co., Station B, Buffalo, N. Y., mail a free booklet.

Home For a Visit.
C. N. Shaw, who has been stationed in the Philippine Islands for the past five years, arrived here this morning for a visit. Mr. Shaw was in the hospital department in Manila and his time recently expired. It is his first visit to Connelville. Mrs. Shaw arrived here some time ago to visit her brothers, J. W. and Charles C. Mitchell. They are leaving for the Philippines they were located at San Francisco.

Servants in Bethel Church.
Thirty-one men and women from Connelville and a number of persons from Vandergrift and Dawson and other nearby towns attended services held yesterday afternoon in the Tyrone Bethel church by Rev. J. T. Allison of the Christian church.

Baseball at Manila.
In one respect at least, the Philippines are well Americanized. At a recent baseball game in Manila 10,000 Filipinos crowded into the big stadium.

Have Large Brains.
The Chinese have the largest brains in the world.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Lina Buttner will demonstrate Eastern Matted Hike at Graham's Drug Store, North Pittsburg street, this week.

Lawrence Cuno is spending several days with relatives in Wheeling, W. Va.

Mrs. Justus Smiley and baby of Uniontown, were guests of relatives in town over Sunday.

Miss Tenna Johnson has returned to her home in Pittsburg, after visiting Miss Myrtle Coughenour over Sunday.

Rev. E. Frank White of the United Presbyterian church, will return probably some time next week. He is attending the annual convention of the church in Washington state.

A new flag pole has been erected at Killbuck park. It is an eight foot pole.

Mr. and Mrs. James S. Laughrey and Harry McDonald of Dawson, and Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Anderson will go to Pittsburg tomorrow morning to attend the annual Shilo convalescence of the Knights Templar which convened this morning in Pittsburg.

Your neighbor is probably wearing a suit made here. Ask him. Dave Cohen, Tailor.

Miss Florence Goldsmith will leave Thursday night for New York City where she will remain until Thursday, June 5, when accompanied by her father, Henry Goldsmith, Miss Helen Goldsmith and Dr. W. N. Goldsmith she will sail for an extended European trip.

Mrs. J. P. Scott and son of Uniontown, are in town this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sweeney are home from a visit in Philadelphia.

Miss Edna Smith of Dawson, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. A. Wetherell last evening.

Mrs. J. S. Laughrey of Dawson, was in town this morning on her way to Scotland.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marietta of Ohio, are in town today.

We loan money on a definite plan, pay 5% on full-paid stock, issue installment stock, are 24 years in business, have assets of \$10,000.00 and are the best in the county. The Peoples Building & Loan Association, Alex. L. Hood, Secretary, at Second National Bank.

Mrs. Wilbur Nelson and daughters, Lorraine and Marian and son, Theodore, and nephew, Walter Phillips, will leave Thursday for Holliston, Mass. The latter will spend the summer at Holliston. Mrs. Nelson and children expect to be gone about a month.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Porter of Scott, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Percy yesterday.

Miss Pearl Robinson was in Pittsburg Saturday.

Miss Loretta May of Kaylor, Pa., is here on a visit to friends.

Miss Nell Smith was the guest of friends in Pittsburg yesterday.

Mrs. Vannie Gratt was the guest of friends in Uniontown yesterday.

Mrs. Gardner and children of Uniontown, returned home Saturday, after a visit with the former's sister, Mrs. Harry Ford of Greenwood.

Mrs. J. J. Robson of Greenwood will leave Wednesday for a visit with friends and relatives at Monongahela, Pa.

Use Muir's Vacuum Cleaner.

Thurman Bixler of Morgantown, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Bixler.

The condition of Dr. M. B. Shupe a patient at Johns-Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, still continues to improve.

Squire and Mrs. E. M. Buttmore of the West Side, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Matthews of Uniontown yesterday.

William Burns, John McIntyre and Thomas Donovan of Scarsight, spent yesterday with relatives at Leisenring No. 1.

Dr. and Mrs. T. H. White will leave tomorrow night for Philadelphia to attend a meeting of the B. & O. surgeons which convenes in that city Wednesday and adjourns Saturday.

King's Daughters' Meet.
One-fourth of an all early spring bazaar, including imported and eastern models, McFarland's, 111 W. Apple street.

The monthly business and social meeting of the King's Daughters of the First Presbyterian church was held Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. W. McChellan on East Main street. A social hour and refreshments followed the business meeting.

Mission Band Meeting.
The Children's Mission Band of the Trinity Lutheran church will meet in the church Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Chicken and Waffle Supper.
Arrangements have been completed for a chicken and waffle supper to be held Thursday and Friday evenings, June 6 and 7, in the dining room of the Trinity Lutheran church by the Ladies' Aid Society.

Mrs. Katherine Hite and daughter, Miss Mabel Hite, were guests of friends in Uniontown yesterday.

E. W. Warner in Pittsburg today on business.

D. P. McCune of McKeesport, was a guest over Sunday at the home of D. P. Brown on the South Side.

"Peg" Moreland Fined.
"Peg" Moreland was fined \$2 by Burgess Lee of South Connelville for being drunk. Officer Ritenour arrested him Saturday night.

Hot Water Free.
The municipality of Paris supplies free hot water to the poor—a boon in winter.

KODAK

from \$1.00 to \$20.00 For Commencement Presents

HYATT, the Jeweler

W. N. LECHE

106 W. MAIN STREET, CONNELLSVILLE.

STRAW HATS, STRAW HATS
For Boys 2 to 12 Years.

We have purchased a lot of Fine Straws direct from a manufacturer. Here you will find all the latest styles in Fine Straws worth \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.50. These we offer at the small figure of \$1.00.

Come buy the boy a hat now.
Of Course We have Others at 25c and 50c

LADIES' NORFOLK WAISTS
The very latest creation made of white galatea cloth trimmed with Red or Blue at \$1.25.

NORFOLK WAISTS, made of white Percale, trimmed with Red and Blue, exceptional value at \$1.00.

LADIES' SUN SHADES
In White Embroidered Linen, also a nice assortment of colors, splendid value at \$1.00 and \$1.25.



Anty Drudge Gives Advice to the Salesman.

Salesman—"I have a patent washboiler which burns denatured alcohol at much less cost than coal or wood."
Anty Drudge—"You'd better go into some other business, young man, if you want to make a living. Since I've been telling the women how to wash clothes with Fels-Naptha in cool or lukewarm water, without boiling, all kinds of washboilers have gone out of style. Good day."

Fels-Naptha will take grease out of clothes in cool or lukewarm water.

It loosens all kinds of grease quick as a wink, and takes out every trace of the spot.

That's why butchers', and painters', and machinists' clothing can be washed better with Fels-Naptha than any other way.

It's easier, too; in summer or winter, requires no boiling, hot water nor hard rubbing, and makes a better job of it.

Because Fels-Naptha dissolves grease almost instantly, women who have tried it prefer Fels-Naptha to any other soap for washing dishes.

There is no necessity for putting the hands in hot water.

Puts a fine polish on glass and china.

It is likewise superior in cleaning coats, or rugs, or curtains, or anything else that has become spotted or soiled.

In fact, you will find that anything cleanable can be cleaned quicker and better and easier with Fels-Naptha.

And for laundry purposes, Fels-Naptha is a revelation to women who have always washed in the old-fashioned, washboiler-and-hard-rubbing way.

Directions for all purposes are printed on the back of the red and green wrapper.

During Sleep
Nature Repairs
the Human Engine

If you are one of the "Sleepless Squad" let us suggest that you avoid coffee and tea and have a cup of steaming hot

SEE THEM WIGGLE

When the Doctor says "It's coffee, stop it if you want to get well."

What a mean doctor, but plain facts are best to know, so we may cut the things that hurt.

A few years ago a Cincinnati man went to Germany for his health and to consult one of the famous physicians in Berlin.

The Dr. found him a nervous wreck suffering from loss of sleep and constipation and about 50 lbs. off his usual weight.

But let him tell his own experience:

"The Dr. surprised me very much by asking me once if I was a coffee drinker, and on telling him I used it two or three times a day he said: 'It is poison to some persons.'"

"Afterwards examining me he told me there was nothing the matter with me whatever but what could be entirely cured in 30 days by letting coffee and other stimulants alone and eating

"So I put back home and wife got some Postum for me.

"The first trial didn't please me but we found it hadn't been boiled enough. The next meal it was fine.

"It seemed to begin to get well at once and kept it up until I gained back my 50 lbs. and all the old sick times from coffee left for good. Now I am in prime health, fine appetite, and sleep like a boy."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

POSTUM

before retiring.

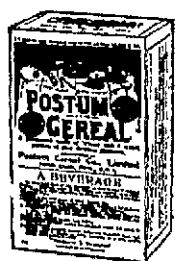
It has soothed the tired nerves and brought peaceful, refreshing sleep in many, many cases.

The activities of the day cause more or less waste of tissue which is repaired at night during sleep.

The man or woman who sleeps well at night is sure of the necessary repairs, other things being right, to make each day a time of usefulness and living a joy.

For quick, convenient serving, try

INSTANT POSTUM

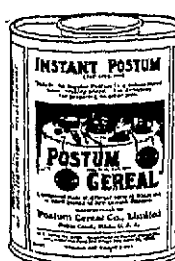


Regular Postum—15c size makes 25 cups; 25c size makes 50 cups

This is regular Postum in concentrated form—nothing added.

No boiling—made in the cup—ready to serve instantly.

Postum—made right—is now served at most Hotels, Restaurants, Lunch Rooms, Soda Fountains, etc.



Instant Postum is put up in air-tight tins and
Instant Postum—30c tin makes 45 to 50 cups; 50c tin makes 90 to 100 cups.

Sold by Grocers.

"There's a Reason" for Postum

Postum Cereal Company, Limited, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Connellsville Garbage & Fertilizer Co.

310 2nd National Bank Building. Both Phones. CONNELLSVILLE, PA.

Rates for family service, twice a week for garbage as follows:

Families, 3 or under . . . 50c per month
Families, 4 to 5 . . . 75c per month
Families, 6 or over . . . \$1.00 per month.

Large accumulations of ashes, dirt, refuse matter, etc., special rates per load or parts of load.

CLEANING VAULTS OUR SPECIALTY.
Prompt service, efficiency, and courtesy, our motto.

The News of Nearby Towns.

Mt. Pleasant.

MT. PLEASANT, May 27.—A surprise party was held at the Buckeye home of Mr. and Mrs. William Ramsey on Saturday evening. A very pleasant evening was spent and refreshments were served. The list of guests included John Ramsey, Leckrone, Mr. and Mrs. William Ramsey, Indiana, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Millward, Deca Louwisa, Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, John L. Shields, wife and family, Mrs. Sadie Ramsey and daughter, Miss Alice and Miss Elizabeth Ramsey of this place. Mr. Ramsey, who has been the faithful superintendent at Buckeye is to be pensioned by the U. S. Frick Coke Company since he has passed the age limit and this week he will move to the home formerly occupied by him at Moorewood.

The Memorial service was held in the Grand Opera House yesterday morning. The honorary members attending were the G. A. R. Company 15, Tenth Regiment, N. G. P., the Ladies of the G. A. R., Camp Malolos, Philippine Veterans and the P. O. S. of A. The following program was carried out:

Anthem by the choir; Scripture reading, 13th Chapter of Romans; anthem, choir; prayer; anthem, choir; reading of the two paralytic of the Bible; Truncal Address; Morning offering and selection by orchestra; Rev. Postlewhite made the address from these three texts: "Things work together for good. He breatheth not the sword in vain. Put on the whole armor of God." A patriotic song was sung by Mrs. Hayes class, followed by benediction.

The baccalaureate service for the High School graduates was held in the Grand opera house last evening. Mrs. Helen Simpson was pianist and a chorus of school children the choir. The services opened by the singing of the "Gloria" by the audience, followed by invocation by Rev. R. L. Leathman and singing of "Evening" by the congregation. Scripture lesson, the twelfth chapter of Romans, was read by Rev. K. J. Stewart, song, "Gloria," by the congregation; prayer, by Rev. R. L. Leathman. Announcements as follows: Monday, literary contest. Tuesday, Senior Class Day. Wednesday, Commencement. Thursday, Memorial Day services and for Friday that the Memorial Association had arranged to have tickets on sale at J. C. Morrison's jewelry store from today until Thursday evening when a special extra will be provided for those that buy tickets to go to Greensburg to hear Hildebrand, the Evangelist, the day to leave the West End of town at 8 o'clock, by Rev. J. L. Thompson. Stella solo, James Cowan, sermon from 8-11 chapter of Judges, by Rev. W. M. Lorimer; prayer, Rev. J. L. Thompson; song, "America," song, "Gloria," and benediction by Rev. J. A. Young.

Senior Day was held in the East End of town Saturday morning. It was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Smith to bring back to Mullin avenue and here Chief Leathman assisted in putting him in the lineup. Officers Leathman and Smith arrested Tom Murray, colored, for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. He was released on a forfeit. Messrs. Howie, O'Hara and Schaeffer were arrested. A. M. Sunday morning for drunkenness.

The Directors of the Internal Baseball League met yesterday and adopted a schedule for the season. Charles Shout of Jeannette guest Saturday with Hattie Mahoney.

Miss Jessie Landis of Delmont is the guest of Mrs. Blanche Cox. Miss Verne Leonard of Meadown, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Leonard.

Miss Clara Line and Anna Morford of Scotland spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. James S. Windrock with their sons Homer and Howard, left Saturday by auto for Washington, D. C., to attend the Commencement at the National Park Seminars where their daughter, Miss Elizabeth, graduates. They will be returning, York and Baltimore stopping en route. They expect to be gone about ten days.

Smithfield.

SMITHFIELD, May 25.—Eds and O'Neil of Uniontown, and Mr. Goodrich of Oil City, field manager for the International Correspondence schools, were business visitors here Friday. They decorated a window in G. A. Leathman's store in an artistic graphic.

Mrs. T. L. Lynch and children Jesse and Cecil of Fairbank, came over to visit H. O'Neil, Mrs. Lynch's father, till after Memorial Day.

W. H. Ramsey returned from Reading today where he had been in attendance at the Grand Lodge meeting of the U. G. O. P. as representative of Gallatin lodge of Smithfield.

Lorn to Mr. and Mrs. J. N. O'Neil, May 24th, 1912 a girl.

H. E. Durr of Uniontown, was a business visitor here Friday. Jerry Jones Post, No. 341, G. A. R. will attend divine services at the Baptist church at 11 A. M. tomorrow Sunday.

Smithfield's lovers of the sport are subscribing to a fund to put a baseball team in the field. They are putting the diamond in the Barton field in shape and will erect a grandstand. The promoters have a hundred and forty dollars raised and say additional funds will be forthcoming as it is needed.

Pendell's pictures didn't materialize Friday night. There was something wrong with his apparatus and a large audience was disappointed as people generally are that expect to get something for nothing.

Jesse M. Stewart of East Georgia, was in his little Bash auto Friday evening.

A colored ex-military soldier from Connellsville expounded the Scriptures on the corner of Main and Church streets Friday evening.

Try out these had advertisements.

THIS STORE WILL BE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY

This is the Last Advertisement OF OUR GREAT Free Furniture Proposition

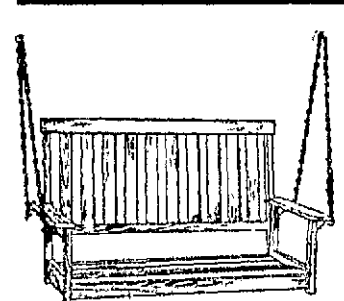
With the end of May comes the end of your opportunity to secure absolutely free furniture at the Aaron Store. It has been a wonderful thing--this free furniture proposition and it has made us many new friends as well as delighting our regular customers.

You still have a little time to take advantage of it and we urge you to do so without delay.

Just think! Brand new, high-class Furniture Given Free with purchases amounting to \$10.00 and over. And it doesn't matter a bit to us whether you make your purchases on credit or for cash. In either case the free furniture is yours with our compliments.

When a Good Thing Like This is Offered,
Take Fullest Advantage of It!

By a Trustworthy Store Like This,



Aaron's Guaranteed Two-Passenger Porch Swing \$2.25

The regular value of this swing is \$1.50, but we offer it to you special for ten days at \$2.25. It is made of well seasoned oak in weathered finish, full box seat construction. The seat is 15 inches deep and 12 inches long. Back is 22 inches high. The chains are galvanized and rust proof. All complete with chains and ceiling hooks.

Select the Porch Shade That Will Serve You Best.



Vudor PORCH SHADES

A porch shade must do more than just keep out the sun. It must allow perfect ventilation, must stand all conditions of weather, and last.

There is one kind that will fulfill all these requirements and more--and there is but one kind.

They are made of hand-made stained wood, light and tough, and nearly unbreakable, and are bound with strongest sewing twine, which is unaffected by rain or sun.

Cuts Ice Bills Right in Two



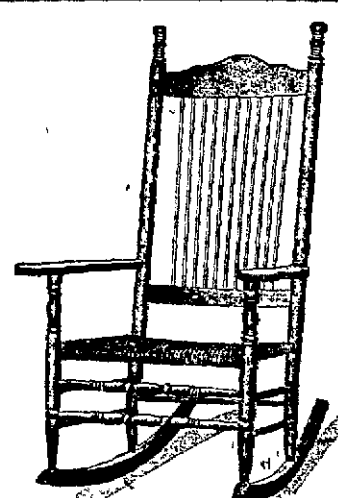
That's What a LEONARD CLEANABLE Refrigerator Does

Preserves everything you put in it and saves you HALF ON YOUR ICE BILLS



Refrigerator at... See Our Special ➔ \$6.75

These Refrigerators are scientifically constructed. They cost no more than the ordinary kind but they are actually worth more than all other kinds. The greatest Refrigerator satisfaction with the least Refrigerator expense--IT'S ECONOMY!



Aaron's Special Porch Rocker, full size, double cane seat. \$1.75

Kitchen Set or 6 Silver Tea Spoons
Free
With purchase of \$10.00 or over.

Picture or 12 Silver Tea Spoons
Free
With purchase of \$20.00 or over.

Parlor Table or Rug
Free
With purchase of \$25.00 or over.

Axminster 27x54 Rug
Free
With purchase of \$30.00 or over.

Quartered Oak Rocker
Free
With purchase of \$40.00 or over.

Dinner Set
Free
With purchase of \$50.00 or over.

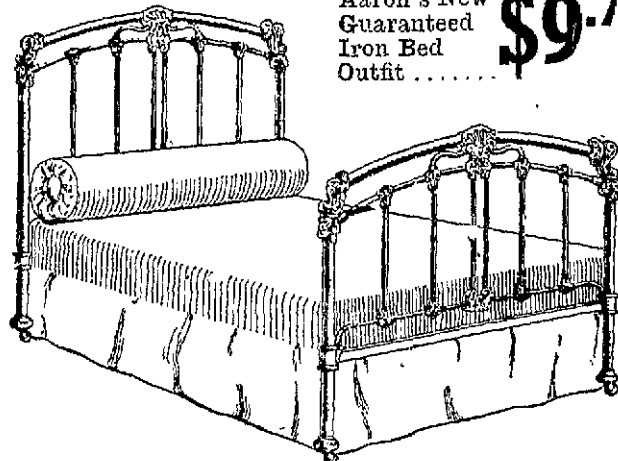
Gilt Frame Picture
Free
With purchase of \$75.00 or over.

Carpets and Rugs

Made, Laid, Lined Free.

55c Ingrain Carpets, yard, at	40c
55c Wool Ingrain Carpets, yard, at	60c
95c Tapestry Brussels Carpets, yard, at	75c
Extra Heavy Tapestry Brussels Carpets, yard, at	90c
\$1.25 Velvet Carpets, yard, at	\$1.00
\$1.50 Wilton Velvet Carpets, yard, at	\$1.25
\$1.75 Extra Heavy Axminster Carpets, yard, at	\$1.35
\$2.00 Ingrain Rugs, 9x12 size, at	\$4.25
\$16.00 Brussels Rugs, 9x12 size, at	\$12.75
\$20.00 Seamless Brussels Rugs, 9x12 size, at	\$14.75
\$40.00 Seamless Wilton Velvet Rugs, 9x12 size, at	\$19.75

Our entire line of Laid Carpets at Special Prices



Aaron's New Guaranteed Iron Bed Outfit \$9.75

Crex Rugs

of every size at GREAT BARGAINS

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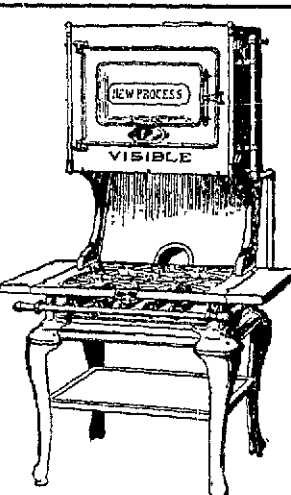
ONE-THIRD IN GAS.

Sold on 30 Days Free Trial

The New Process Gas Ranges have many improved features that are of great importance.

First--Economy--Made on the "Visible" principle, they consume one-third less gas than other ranges, and the distribution of the heat in the oven being instantaneous, it is not necessary to heat the oven before using. Put your baking in the cold oven and light your burner. This saves from five to ten minutes time, saves gas, and greatly facilitates the baking.

Second--Visibility. The mica window in the door, or "Visible" feature, makes it possible to regulate the fire without stooping or opening any doors which is necessary on other ranges. The fire is in plain sight at all times.



BIG SIX STORY BUILDING

AARON'S

CONNELLSVILLE, PA.

BRANCH STORES IN GREENSBURG AND JEANNETTE.

Morris Chair or 18x40 Mirror
Free
With purchase of \$100.00 or over.

Genuine Leather Seated Rocker
Free
With purchase of \$125.00 or over.

Quartered Oak Roman Chair
Free
With purchase of \$150.00 or over.

Genuine Quartered Oak Library Table
Free
With purchase of \$175.00 or over.

100-Piece Dinner Set
Free
With purchase of \$200.00 or over.

Genuine Morrocoline Leather Couch
Free
With purchase of \$250.00 or over.

Turkish Rocker
Free
With purchase of \$300.00 or over.

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H. P. SNYDER, President and Managing Editor.
J. H. STUMMEL, Secretary and Treasurer.

MONDAY EVENING, MAY 27, 1912.

Primary Election Laws.
The Presidential Preference Primary, much heralded as the Voice of the People, has in practice proved to be the Voice of the Minority frequently reinforced by the Voice of the Opposition.

In Pennsylvania the total primary vote was less than half the last Presidential vote. Voters to the number of 469,000 asked for the Illinois ballot while only 111,000 asked for the Democratic ballot; and it will be remembered that there was a bitter Democratic fight on, too. It is generally admitted that many Democrats asked for the Republican ballot and voted for Roosevelt. The same condition existed in Massachusetts, and other States, the object of the Democrats being to embarrass or destroy the Republican organization, mindful of the maxim, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

It is argued by the Roosevelt supporters that if their candidate is nominated he will receive the support of this "true body of Democrats." Their faith in the enemy is a sublime but futile hope. The Democrats have not tasted the sweets of victory for twenty years and lean and hungry years. They are before them in this campaign the hope of success and they are not going to abandon that hope to follow the fortunes of any Republican candidate, however much of his political faith he may have borrowed from the Peerless Propagandist of Progressive Democracy. The modern Democrat has been narrowed so long that he is lost to ancient landmarks. He seeks partly success through any channel of faith however strange and tortuous.

Whatever the national conventions of the parties may do and however the people may vote in November, the fact remains that numerous academic efforts to better our nominating systems have only made them worse. With the commendable object of freeing it from boss domination, our legislators have given us a primary which deprives the citizen of the power of controlling their own nominations and at the same time little interferes with boss influences. Our last condition is infinitely worse than our first.

Yet so incited are some people with the wide-open primary idea that they would have the names of all candidates printed on one ballot and let all the voters vote as they like, or as described by one of its newspaper advocates, "a non-partisan primary in which straight party voters, independent and men of all shades and degrees of political convictions might participate." This with a view to guarding nominations against the insidious influence of bosses.

Its advocates must be children, in politics at least. Their plan would enable the bosses of one party to multiply the candidates of the other and by judicious manipulation dictate the opposition candidate, who would either be a subservient tool or a weak man easily defeated by the boss's choice within the ranks of their own party. In the old days of Democratic domination in Fayette county, when nominations were made under the Crawford County system, and a nomination was equivalent to an election, it was a favorite method of the Democratic boss to kill off the strength of an undesirable candidate by giving opposition in his own district.

Political parties are formed to give united expression to the political principles which their members think are most conducive to the general welfare and if possible to make those principles part of the governmental policy of the nation. The primary election law that gives the opposition power to dictate the nomination and election of candidates for office who will not represent the faith of the party upon whose ballot their names have been placed is subversive to the basic principle of our republican government. It is the inalienable right of every political party to choose its own candidates without dictation or interference from other parties. It would seem of no far as primary election reform is concerned, we have been making progress with the crab.

People who claim the inalienable right to burn their own rubbish on their own ground, are probably incited by the action from the old English law, making that a man's house is his castle. The police power of a municipality, however, freely and lawfully invades the castle for the purpose of enforcing laws enacted for the public good and especially the public health. A Conneltsville citizen may not lawfully burn rubbish on his own lot, or on the lot of anybody else within the borough limits, without being subject to arrest and fine.

The Canal Kid Living in Conneltsville and working Brimstone Corner.

The Western Maryland has made its final trip from Cumberland to Conneltsville.

The East Side makes improvements without the aid or consent of the authorities.

A small procession of the High School students were hit by the backfire of the final.

Last days of school.

Boys will throw stones at each other, but a 12-pound stone hurled on top of a boy's head means a murderous intent.

Headache powders are dangerous enough for adults. Their indiscriminate use by children should not be permitted, much less encouraged.

The ownership of the Greenwood sewer system is in dispute, but there is no dispute as to who built it and it. There should be no private sewers. All sewers should be public and the

public should be compelled to make proper use of them.

South Conneltsville has secured the services of a garbage man and will henceforth be clean.

The new Tel-Stat telephone managements eliminate its advent by restoring the old county-wide free service. It is evidently going to make the opposition hump itself.

Conny John Stevenson, who told the United States Steel investigators how he had stolen the plan from several times, didn't tell them why he left New Castle and took his brown stone mansion stone by stone with him.

The Town Lot Gardening Committee has secured several vacant lots, and is now looking for gardeners.

The Sealer of Weights and Measures looked over Conneltsville, but he found it difficult to regulate the hand that carresses the scales.

Shipments of Westmoreland and Somerset county coal have recently been made to the Havana (Cuba) Gas Light Company.

The coke business is still flat thought there are indications of an improvement in the situation. The business is out with two widely different proclamations this week. One requires the proper observance of Decoration Day and the other demands that all porters be penned up.

Corn planting has never been known to be so late as it is this spring. The new coke works of Torrence & Lantz on the Johnstown property at Meyer are progressing rapidly.

Morgan valley is kicking about the postal service. Westmoreland sheep raisers are troubled with dogs.

Friday, June 3, 1912.
Coke production for the week was 197,750 tons; 41,260 tons in blast, 6,321 idle. Shipments for the week aggregated 5,124 cars.

The files of The Courier are called upon to show the condition of the coke trade in the suit of the H. C. Frick Coke Company against McKeesport & Hotting on a coke contract made in 1892.

The Pittsburgh & Lake Erie engineers have nearly completed their survey for a line up Washington Run and on to Fayette City. There is great activity on the State Line railroad between Uniontown and Smithfield. The track is now being laid.

The first through train to run over the Baltimore & Ohio's new route between New York and Chicago by way of the Pittsburgh & Western passed through Conneltsville Saturday. It was an immigrant train consisting of three sections of 11 cars each.

The Conneltsville, New Haven & Leaning Street Railway Company will build a handsome station house at the western terminus of the road at Graham's Crossing.

Friday, May 30, 1912.
Coke production last week beats all previous figures for the region. Production was 218,571 tons; 20,553 tons in blast; and 772 idle. Shipments totaled 12,051 cars.

A death of tenements is reported. It is impossible for railroad men to be riding pleasure here and day coaches are being fitted up as sleeping quarters on the Lyndman office lawn.

It shows in this section. A party of Baltimore & Ohio engineers are making surveys for the new yard arrangements here and changes in the tracks that will be necessary when the new shops are built.

Coal raising for profit is being tried in the mountains of Fayette and Somerset counties.

According to a Pittsburgh paper a representative of Argentina is endeavoring to induce foreigners to emigrate to that country.

The Pittsburgh, McKeesport & Conneltsville Railway Company has concluded a million dollar contract for double the capacity of the power house at Greens Junction.

At the Republican primary Allen F. Cooper is nominated for Congress over R. F. Hopwood.

Preparations are being made to start work on the street railway between Meyersdale and Shadysburg.

MRS DUGUID DEAD.
Bitter illness fatal for Pittsburg Street Resident.

Mrs. Mariah Duguid, aged 55 years, widow of William Duguid, died yesterday morning at the residence of her son, William G. Duguid, No. 500 North Pittsburg street following a brief illness. She had been confined to her bed since last Friday night. Calf stones was the cause of her death. Funeral tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock from the family residence. Rev. R. C. Wolf, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church will officiate. Interment in Mt. Pleasant cemetery.

Deceased was born in England and came to this country about 30 years ago. Most of her married life was spent in Meyersdale and at Mt. Pleasant. Her husband died some time ago. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and before her marriage was Miss Mariah Chapman. In addition to her son, William, she is survived by a son, Harry, also of Conneltsville.

Rhodes Residence Robbed.
The residence of Henry Rhodes on Main street, West Side, was entered by robbers last night. An entrance was gained through window in the rear of the house. Two dollars was taken from the buffet and a pie from the dining room table.

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STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, COUNTY of Fayette, ss:

Before me, the subscriber, a Notary public within and for said County of Fayette, personally appeared James J. Driscoll, who being duly sworn according to law, did make and say:

That he is Manager of Circulation of The Courier, a daily newspaper published in Conneltsville, Pa., and the number of papers printed during the week ending Saturday, May 25th, 1912, was as follows:

May 20 8,918
May 21 8,925
May 22 8,932
May 23 8,919
May 24 8,970
May 25 9,010

Total 43,554
Daily Average 8,711
That the daily circulation by months for the year 1911 was as follows:

January 194,206 6,822
February 179,590 6,064
March 194,593 7,094
April 193,951 7,075
That the daily circulation by months for the year 1912 was as follows:

January 195,547 7,123
February 194,991 6,973
March 195,591 6,973
April 175,898 6,032
May 194,253 6,924
June 176,272 6,278
July 175,246 6,200
August 183,732 6,565
September 195,490 7,133
October 179,935 6,390
November 184,728 6,487
December 174,320 6,232

Totals 2,192,714 6,941
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JAS. J. DRISCOLL,
Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 27th day of May, 1912.

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THE WRECK OF THE TITAN

BY MORGAN ROBERTSON



PROLOGUE.

A wonderfully prophetic fiction story written fourteen years ago of the wreck of the TITAN, which, like the Titanic, was the world's largest and most palatial vessel and generally regarded as unsinkable and indestructible. Like the Titanic, too, the TITAN was wrecked by an iceberg in the month of April when speeding along the northern lane route of the Atlantic. The wreck in

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CHAPTER I.

The Unsinkable Titan.

THE was the largest craft afloat and the greatest of the works of men. In her construction and maintenance were involved every science, profession and trade known to civilization. On her bridge were officers, who, besides being the pick of the royal navy, had passed rigid examinations in all studies that pertained to the winds, tides, currents and geography of the sea. They were not only seamen, but scientists. The same professional standard applied to the personnel of the engine room, and the steward's department was equal to that of a first class hotel.

Two brass bands, two orchestras and a theatrical company entertained the passengers during waking hours, a corps of physicians administered to the temporal and a corps of chaplains to the spiritual welfare of all on board, while a well drilled fire company soothed the fears of nervous ones and added to the general entertainment by daily practice with their apparatus.

From her lofty bridge ran hidden telegraph lines to the bow, stern, engine room, crew's nest on the forecast and to all parts of the ship where work was done, each wire terminating in a marked dial with a movable indicator confining in its scope every order and answer required in handling the massive hull, either at the dock or at sea, which eliminated to a great extent the hoarse, nerve-racking shouts of officers and sailors.

From the bridge, engine room and a dozen places on her deck the ninety-two doors of nineteen water-tight compartments could be closed in half a minute by turning a lever. These doors would also close automatically in the presence of water. With nine compartments flooded the ship would still float, and no known accident of the sea could possibly sink this mighty steamship Titan was considered practically unsinkable.

Built of steel throughout and for passenger traffic only, she carried no combustible cargo to threaten her destruction by fire, and the immunity from the demand for cargo space had enabled her designers to discard the fat, kettle bottom of cargo boats and give her the sharp dead rise—or slant from the keel—of a steam yacht, and this improved her behavior in a seaway. She was 800 feet long, of 70,000 tons displacement, 40,000 horsepower, and on her trial trip had steamed at a rate of twenty-five knots an hour over the bottom, in the face of unconsidered winds, tides and currents. In short, she was a floating city, containing within her steel walls all that tends to minimize the dangers and discomforts of the Atlantic voyage, all that makes life enjoyable.

Unsinkable, indestructible, she carried as few boats as would satisfy the laws. These, twenty-four in number, were securely covered and lashed down to their checks on the upper deck, and if launched would hold 500 people. She carried no useless, cumbersome life rafts, but, because the law required it, each of the 3,000 berths in the passengers', officers' and crew's quarters contained a cork jacket, while about twenty circular life buoys were stowed along the rails.

In view of her absolute superiority to other craft, a title of invulnerability, thoroughly believed in by some captains, but not yet openly followed, was announced by the steamship company to apply to the Titan. She would steam at full speed in fog, storm and sunshine and on the northern lane route, winter and summer, for the following good and substantial reasons: First, that if another craft should strike her the force of the impact would be distributed over a larger area if the Titan had full headway, and the brunt of the damage would be



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the fiction story happened in about the same place that the Titanic disaster occurred, and there were not sufficient life boats and rafts to take off the passengers and crew. Read and you will see that there are many other remarkable and startling coincidences between the wreck of the TITAN, the largest steamship of the world of fiction, and the wreck of the Titanic, the largest steamship of the material world.

the watchful staff on duty, who listened with strained hearing for a false note in the confused jumble of sound or a clicking of steel out of tune which would indicate a loosened key or nut. On deck sailors set the triangular sails on the two masts to aid their propulsion to the momentum of the record breaker, and the passengers dispersed themselves as suited their tastes. Some were seated in sterner chairs, well wrapped, for, though it was April, the salt air was chilly; some paced the deck, acquiring their sea legs; others listened to the orchestra in the music room or read or wrote in the library, and a few took to their berths, seeking from the slight heave of the ship on the ground swell.

The decks were cleared, watches set at noon, and then began the never ending cleaning up at which steamship sailors put in so much of their time. Headed by a six foot boatswain, a gang came aft on the starboard side with paint buckets and brushes and distributed themselves along the rail.

"Dirt is an abomination, men—never mind the rail," said the boatswain. "Ladies, better move your chairs back a little. Rowland, stir down out of the forecast. No, you'll spill paint. Put your bucket away and get some sandpaper from the foreman. Work aboard till you get it out of you."

The sailor addressed, a slight built man of about thirty, black bearded and bronzed to the semblance of healthy vigor, but watery eyed and outstayed of movement, came down from the rail and shuffled forward with his bucket. As he reached the group of ladies to whom the boatswain had spoken his gaze rested on one, a sunny haired young woman with the blue of the sea in her eyes, who had arisen at his approach. He started, turned aside as if to avoid her, and raising his hand in an embarrassed half salute, passed on. Out of the boatswain's slight he glanced against the deck boards and paused, while he held his hand to his breast.

"What is it," he muttered feebly—"whisky nerves or the dying flutter of a starved love? Five years now and a look from her eyes can stop the blood in my veins—can bring back all the heart hunger and helplessness that lead a man to insanity—or this." He looked at his trembling hand, all seemed and far stilled, passed on forward and returned with the sandpaper.

The young woman had been equally affected by the meeting. An expression of mingled surprise and terror had come to her pretty but rather weak face, and with acknowledging his half salute she had caught up a little child from the deck behind her, and turning into the saloon door, hurried to the library, where she sank into a chair beside a military looking gentleman, who glanced up from a book and remarked: "Seen the sea serpent, Myra, or the flying Dutchman? What's up?"

"Oh, George—no!" she answered in agitated tones. "John Rowland is here—Lieutenant Rowland. I've just seen him. He is so changed; he tried to speak to me."

"Who that troublesome flame of yours? I never met him, you know, and you haven't told me much about him. What is he—first class?"

"No; he seems to be a common sailor. He is working and is dressed in old clothes, all dirty. And such a disappointed face too. He seems to have fallen—so low. And it is all since—"

"Since you sowed on him? Well, it is no fault of yours, dear. If a man has it in him he'll go to the dogs anyway. How is his sense of injury? Has he a grievance or a grudge? You are badly upset. What did he say?"

"I don't know. What did he say? I've always been afraid of him. I've met him three times since then, and he puts such a frightful look in his eyes—and he was so violent and headstrong and so terribly angry that time. He accused me of leading him on and playing with him, and he said something about an immutable law of

chance and a governing balance of events that I couldn't understand, only where he said that for all the suffering we inflict on others, we receive an equal amount ourselves. Then he went away in such a passion. I've imagined ever since that he would take some revenge. He might steal my Myra—our baby!" She stilled the smiling child to her breast and went on: "I liked him at first, until I found out that he was an atheist. Why, George, he actually denied the existence of God and to me, a professing Christian."

"He had a wonderful nerve," said the husband, with a smile. "Didn't know you very well, I should say."

"He never seemed the same to me after that," she resumed. "I felt as though in the presence of something unseen. Yet I thought how glorious it would be if I could save him to God and tried to convince him of the loving care of Jesus, but he only ridiculed all I said and said that much as he valued my good opinion he would not be a hypocrite to gain it and that he would be honest with himself and others and express his honest unbelief—the ideal. As though one could be honest without God's help—and then one day I smelled liquor on his breath—he always smelled of tobacco—and I gave him up. It was then that he—that he broke out."

"Come out and show me this reproach," said the husband, rising. They went to the door and the young woman peered out. "He is the last man down there—close to the cabin," she said as she drew in. The husband stepped out.

"What! That hangdog ruffian scouring the ventilator? So that's Rowland of the navy, is it? Well, this is a tumble. Wren't he broken for conduct unbecoming an officer? Got roaring drunk at the president's levee, didn't he? I think I read of it."

"I know he lost his position and was terribly disgraced," answered the wife. "Well, Myra, the poor devil is harmless now. We'll be scores in a few days, and you won't meet him on this broad deck. If he hasn't lost all sensibility he's as embarrassed as you. Better stay in now. It's getting foggy."

CHAPTER II.

Ships Swallowed in Blackness.

WHEN the watch turned out at midnight they found a vicious half gale blowing from the northeast, which, added to the speed of the doomed ship, changed in the afternoon still, and a fairly uncomfortable whole gale of chilly wind. The head sea, choppy as compared with her great length, dealt the Titan successive blows, each one attended by supplementary tremors to the continuous vibrations of the engines, each one sending a cloud of thick spray aloft that reached the crew's nest on the forecast and battered the pilot house windows on the bridge in a liquid bombardment that would have broken ordinary glass. A fog bank into which the ship had plunged in the afternoon still enveloped her, damp and impenetrable, and into the gray, ever receding wall ahead, with two deck officers and three lookouts straining, slight and heaving to the utmost, the great race was being waged with undiminished speed.

At a quarter past 12 two men crawled in from the darkness at the end of the eighty foot bridge and shouted to the first officer, who had just taken the deck, the names of the men who had relieved them. Barking up to the pilot house, the officer repeated the names to a quartermaster within, a hoarse voice came from the log book, and the men vanished to their coffee and "watch below." In a few moments another dripping shape appeared on the bridge and reported the crew's most relief.

"Rowland, you say?" howled the officer above the howling of the wind. "Is he the man who was lifted aboard drunk yesterday?"

"Yes, sir."

"Is he straight now?"

"Yes, sir."

"All right—that'll do. Enter Rowland in the crew's nest, quartermaster," said the officer; then, making a funnel of his hands, he roared out, "Crew's nest, there."

"Sir," came the answer, shrill and clear on the gale.

"Keep your eyes open. Keep a sharp lookout."

"Very good, sir."

"Been a man-of-war's man, I judge by his answer. They're no good," muttered the officer. He resumed his position at the forward side of the bridge, where the wooden railing afforded some shelter from the raw wind, and began the long vigil which would end only when the second officer relieved him four hours later.

Conversation was forbidden among the bridge officers of the Titan, and his watch mate, the third officer, stood on the other side of the large bridge binnacle, looking in this position only occasionally to glance in at the compass, which seemed to be his sole duty at sea. Sheltered by one of the deck houses below, the boatswain and the watch paced back and forth, enjoying the only two hours' respite which steamship rules afforded, for the day's work had ended with the going down of the other watch, and at 2 o'clock the washing of the 'twelve deck would begin as an opening task in the next day's labor.

By the time one bell had sounded, with its repetition from the crew's nest, followed by a long drawn cry "All's well!" from the lookouts, the last five of the 2,000 passengers had retired, leaving the spacious cabins and staterooms in possession of the watchmen, while about asleep in his cabin about the chart room was the captain, the commander who never commanded, unless the ship was in danger, for the pilot had charge, making and leaving port, and the officers at sea.

Two bells were struck and answered, then three, and the boatswain and his men were lighting up for a final smoke when there rang out overhead a star-

ling cry from the crew's nest: "Something ahead, sir; can't make it out."

The first officer sprang to the engine room telegraph and grasped the lever. "Sing out what you see!" he roared.

"Hard a port, sir," came the cry. "Port your wheel hard over," repeated the first officer to the quartermaster at the helm, who answered and obeyed. Nothing as yet could be seen from the bridge. The powerful steering engine in the stern ground the rudder over, but before three degrees on the compass card were traversed by the lubber's point a seeming thickening of the darkness and fog ahead resolved itself into the square sails of a deep laden ship crossing the Titan's bow not half her length away.

"E—and d—!" growled the first officer. "Stand by your course, quartermaster!" he shouted. "Stand from under on deck!" He turned a lever which closed compartments, pushed a button marked "Captain's Room" and crouched down, awaiting the crash.

There was hardly a crash. A slight jar shook the forward end of the Titan, and sliding down her foremast stay and rattling on deck came a shower of small spurs, sails, blocks and wire rope. Then in the darkness to starboard and port two darker shapes shot by—the two halves of the ship she had cut through—and from one of these shapes, where still burned a blinding light, was heard, high above the confused murmur of shouts and shrieks, a sailor's voice:

"May the curse of God light on you and your cheese knife, you brass bound murderers!"

The shapes were swallowed in the blackness astern, the crew were hushed by the clamor of the gale, and the steamship Titan swung back to her course. The first officer had not turned the lever of the engine room telegraph.

The boatswain bounded up the steps of the bridge for instructions.

"Put men at the hatches and doors. Send every one who comes on deck to the chart room. Tell the watchman to notice what the passengers have learned and clear away that wreck forward as soon as possible." The voice of the officer was hoarse and strained as he gave these directions, and the "Aye, aye, sir," of the boatswain was uttered in a gasp.

The crew's nest (lookout), sixty feet above the deck, had seen every detail of the horror from the moment when the upper sails of the doomed ship had appeared to him above the fog to the time when the last tangle of wreckage was cut away by his watch bells below. When relieved at four bells he descended with as little strength in his limbs as was compatible with safety in the rigging. At the rail the boatswain met him.

"Report your relief, Rowland," he said, "and go into the chart room."

On the bridge, as he gave the name of his successor, the first officer seized his hand, pressed it and repeated the boatswain's order. In the chart room he found the captain of the Titan, pale faced and intense in manner, seated at a table and grouped around him the whole of the watch on deck except the officers, lookouts and quartermasters. The cabin watchmen were there and some of the watch below, among whom were stokers and coal passers, and also a few of the ill-limbed, yeamen and butchers—who, sleeping forward, had been awakened by the terrible blow of the great hollow knife within which they lived.

Three carpenter's mates stood by the door with sounding rods in their hands, which they had just shown the captain—dry. Every face, from the captain's down, were a look of horror and expectancy. A quartermaster followed Rowland in and said:

"Engineer felt no jar in the engine room, sir, and there's no excitement in the stokehold."

"And you watchmen report no alarm in the cabins. How about the steering?" "Is that man back?" asked the captain. Another watchman appeared as he spoke.

"All asleep in the stateroom, sir," he said. Then a quartermaster entered with the same report of the forecastles.

"One by one come into my office, watchmen first, then petty officers, then the men. Quartermasters will watch the door, that no man goes out until I have seen him." He passed into another room, followed by a watchman, who presently emerged and went on deck with a more pleasant expression of face. Another entered and

came out, then another and another until every man but Rowland had been within the sacred precincts, all to wear the same pleased or satisfied look on reappearing. When Rowland entered, the captain, seated at a desk, motioned him to a chair and asked his name.

"John Rowland," he answered. The captain wrote it down.

"I understand," he said, "that you were in the crew's nest when this unfortunate collision occurred."

"Yes, sir, and I reported the ship as soon as I saw her."

"You are not here to be censured. You are aware, of course, that nothing could be done either to avert this terrible calamity or to save life afterward."

"Nothing at a speed of twenty-five knots an hour in a thick fog, sir." The captain glanced sharply at Rowland and frowned.

"We will not discuss the speed of the ship, my good man," he said, "for the rules of the company. You will find, when you are paid at Liverpool, a package addressed to you at the company's office, containing \$100 in banknotes. This you will receive for your silence in regard to this collision, the reporting of which would embarrass the company and help no one."

"On the contrary, captain, I shall speak of this wholesale murder at the first opportunity."

The captain leaned back and stared at the debauched face and trembling figure of the sailor, with which this defiant speech so little accorded. Under ordinary circumstances he would have sent him on deck to be dealt with by the officers. But this was not an ordinary circumstance. In the watery eyes was a look of shock and horror and honest indignation. The accents were those of an educated man, and the consequences hanging over himself and the company for which he worked—already complicated by and involved in his efforts to avoid them—which this man might precipitate were so extreme that such questions as insolence and difference in rank were not to be thought of. He must meet and subdue this Tartar on common ground—as man to man.

"Are you aware, Rowland," he asked quietly, "that you will stand alone, that you will be disgraced, lose your birth and make enemies?"

"I am aware of more than that," answered Rowland, exactly. "I know of the power vested in you as captain. I know that you can order me into prison from this room for any offense you wish to imagine. And I know that an unwitting, uncorroborated entry in your official log concerning me would be evidence enough to bring me life imprisonment. But I also know something of admiralty law—that from my prison cell I can send you and your first officer to the gallows."

"You are mistaken in your conceptions of evidence. I could not cause your conviction by a log book entry, nor could you from a prison infame me. What are you, may I ask—an ex-lawyer?"

"A graduate of Annapolis—your equal in professional technique."

"And you have interests at Washington?"

"None whatever."

"And what is your object in taking this stand, which can do you no possible good, though certainly not harm you speak of?"

"That I may do one good, strong act in my useless life, that I may help to atone a sentiment of anger in the two companies as well forever and this vicious destruction of life and property for the sake of speed, that will save the hundreds of fishing craft and others run down yearly to their owners, and the crews to their families."

Both men had risen, and the captain was pacing the floor as Rowland, with flashing eyes and clenched fists, delivered this declaration.

"A result to be hoped for, Rowland," said the former, pausing before him, "but beyond your power or mine to accomplish. Is the amount I named large enough? Could you fill a position on my bridge?"

"I can fill a higher, and your company is not rich enough to buy me."

"You seem to be a man without ambition, but you must have wants."

"Food, clothing, shelter—and whisky," said Rowland with a bitter, self-contemptuous laugh. The captain reached down a decanter and two glasses from a swinging tray and said as he placed them before him:

"Here is one of your wants. Fill up." Rowland's eyes glistened as he poured out a glassful, and the captain followed.

"I will drink with you, Rowland," he said. "Here is to our better understanding." He tossed off the liquor: Rowland, who had waited, said, "I prefer drinking alone, captain," and drank the whisky in a gulp. The captain's face flushed at the affront, but he controlled himself.

"Go on deck, now, Rowland," he said. "I will talk with you again before we reach soundings. Meanwhile I request—not require, but request—that you hold no useless conversation with your shipmates in regard to this matter."

To the first officer, when relieved at eight bells, the captain said: "He is a broken down wreck with a temporarily active conscience, but is not the man to buy or intimidate. He knows too much. However, we've found his weak point." If he gets snakes before we dock his testimony is worthless. Fill him up and I'll see the surgeon and study up on drugs."

When Rowland turned out to breakfast at seven bells that morning he found a pink flask in the pocket of his pea jacket, which he felt or, but did not pull out in sight of his watch mate.

"Well, captain," he thought, "you are in truth about as puerile, luscious, aoundrel as ever egged the law. I'll



"I prefer drinking alone, captain."

save you your drugged Dutch courage for evidence." But it was not drugged, as he learned later. It was good whisky—a leader—to warm his stomach while the captain was studying.

An incident occurred that morning which drew Rowland's thoughts far from the happenings of the night. A few hours of bright sunshine had brought the passengers on deck like bees from a hive, and the two broad promenades resembled in color and life the streets of a city. The watch was busy at the inevitable scrubbing, and Rowland, with a sawband bucket, was cleaning the white paint on the starboard rail, screened from view by the after deck house, which shut off a narrow space at the stern. A little girl ran into the inclosure, laughing and screaming, and clung to his legs while she jumped up and down in an overflow of spirits.

"I wunned 'way," she said; "I wunned 'way from mamma."

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